

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6083**OFFERED BY MR. TIPTON OF COLORADO**

At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . ENHANCING PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO**
2 **SUPPORT RURAL WATER AND WASTE DIS-**
3 **POSAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**

4 Section 333 of the Consolidated farm and Rural De-
5 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1983) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “require”;

7 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “require”
8 after “(1)”;

9 (3) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, require”
10 after “314”;

11 (4) in paragraph (3), by inserting “require”
12 after “loans,”;

13 (5) in paragraph (4)—

14 (A) by inserting “require” after “(4)”;

15 (B) by striking “and” following the semi-
16 colon;

17 (6) in paragraph (5)—

18 (A) by inserting “require” after “(5)”;

1 (B) by striking the period at the end and
2 inserting “; and”; and

3 (7) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(6) with respect to water and waste disposal
5 direct and guaranteed loans provided under section
6 306, encourage, to the maximum extent practicable,
7 private or cooperative lenders to finance rural water
8 and waste disposal facilities by—

9 “(A) maximizing the use of loan guaran-
10 tees to finance eligible projects in rural commu-
11 nities where the population exceeds 5,500;

12 “(B) maximizing the use of direct loans to
13 finance eligible projects in rural communities
14 where the impact on rate payers will be mate-
15 rial when compared to financing with a loan
16 guarantee;

17 “(C) establishing and applying a materi-
18 ality standard when determining the difference
19 in impact on rate payers between a direct loan
20 and a loan guarantee;

21 “(D) in the case of projects that require
22 interim financing in excess of \$500,000, requir-
23 ing that such projects initially seek such financ-
24 ing from private or cooperative lenders; and

1 “(E) determining if an existing direct loan
2 borrower can refinance with a private or cooper-
3 ative lender, including with a loan guarantee,
4 prior to providing a new direct loan.”.

